

House Resolution 1764

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156th, Channell of the 116th, Ralston of the 7th, Keen of the 179th, Jones of the 46th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. A.D. "Pete" Correll and inviting him to be recognized by
2 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. A.D. "Pete" Correll was raised in Brunswick, Georgia, and earned a
4 bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia and a master's
5 degree in pulp and printing paper technology and chemical engineering from the University
6 of Maine; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Correll developed his business acumen at an early age, helping his mother
8 run the family store, Correll's Men's Store in Brunswick, after his father's sudden passing
9 when he was only 12; and

10 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to
11 Georgia-Pacific, where he served as senior vice president, chief operating officer, chief
12 executive officer, and executive vice president; and

13 WHEREAS, during his time with Georgia-Pacific, Mr. Correll demonstrated strong
14 leadership skills and integrity and dedication in the face of adversity and helped transform
15 a failing timber company to the world's largest producer of tissue products, dramatically
16 increasing the company's stock value; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Correll established the Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center in honor of his late
18 mother, a 20,000 square foot facility in Brunswick that provides students with opportunities
19 to succeed and features an art studio, computer lab, music studio, basketball court, movie
20 theater, athletic field, and fishing pond; and

21 WHEREAS, in honor of his wife's mother's memory, Pete and Ada Lee Correll constructed
22 a community learning center, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the
23 campus of East Georgia College, providing the students of the Swainsboro campus with

24 access to an educational technology center constructed by environmentally friendly LEED
25 standards; and

26 WHEREAS, his vision and guidance have been instrumental for numerous civic,
27 government, and community organizations, and his leadership as chairman of Grady Health
28 System has led to a complete overhaul of the largest hospital in this state and earned him the
29 title of 2010 Trustee of the Year for large health care organizations by *Modern Healthcare*
30 magazine; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Correll helped organize funding necessary for the renovation of Ebenezer
32 Baptist Church, where Martin Luther King, Jr., preached, by encouraging ten companies to
33 pledge \$100,000 a piece to ensure a vital piece of American history was restored to its glory
34 days; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
36 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize Mr. A.D. "Pete" Correll for his incredible service to his
39 community and the State of Georgia, commend his generosity which has improved the lives
40 of countless students in this state, and invite him to be recognized by the House of
41 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. A.D. "Pete" Correll.